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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4 and 7 are rejected. Claims 10 - 11 have been allowed. Claims 1, 4, 7 have been amended and claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 are independent claims.

Applicants wish to thank the examiner for indicating that base claims 10 as well as dependent claim 11 is allowed.

Claim 1, 4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. More specifically, the Office Action has an issue with the use of the verb "filtering" or "filtered" in the base claims with respect to the operation of a wave division multiplexer.

Although applicants disagree with the Office Action they have elected to amend the base claims to advance prosecution. In doing so, applicants have changed the verb "filtering" to "demultiplexing" and "filtered" to "demultiplexed."

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of the base claims as they now enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains to make or use the invention.

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For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims are patentable in view of the cited reference. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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